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HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

AMBLER HOUSE.—The Ambler house on Jamestown Island, according to an advertisement in the *Virginia Gazette,* in 1774, was "a very large brick house," with "four rooms above and four below." There were adjoining a large brick storehouse, a garden, stable, kitchen, wash house.

"HALF WAY TREE."—Captain Henry Browne patented July 14, 1637, 2,250 acres, beginning at the "half Way Tree," on the South side of James River, of which 250 acres were purchased from Captain William Perry and Nathaniel Osborne by will of John Smith. Among the headrights were Mr. Thomas Hinton, Mrs. Anne Browne, Mr. Andrew Noyce, John Morecock, George Jordan, Captain Henry Browne, Samuel Flood, Stephen Browne, Ralph Wood and Alice Mills. The 250 acres mentioned were anciently "Burrows Hill" and adjoined "Paces Pains," where the converted Indian Chanco resided, who saved Jamestown in the massacre of 1622.

CHARLES CITY CO.: Justices in 1655: Att a Co^rt^ holden at Westor Jany 4, 1655, Coll. Edw. Hill, Capt. Henry Perry, Esqrs., Maior Abra Wood, Mr. Thomas Dewe, Mr. Antho. Wyatt, Mr. Rice Hoe, Capt. John Bishopp, Capt. John Epes, Mr. John Tibbs, Capt. Daniel Peebles. (Record Book of Charles City Co.)

5, 9ber, 1652, Lt. Coll. Walter Chiles, of James City in Virginia, Esq., to Robert Coaleman, of Charles City, 813 a. in Appomattox patented 5 9ber, 1649. (*Ibid.*) [The term "Esq." (esquire) given to Col. Chiles appears to show that he was a member of the Council of State, as that title was practically confined to those members.]

"BELVOIR."—In the *Gazette* for June 9, 1774, this place is described as "the beautiful seat of George William Fairfax lying upon Potomac River in Fairfax Co., about 14 miles below Alexandria. The mansion house is of brick, two stories high with four convenient rooms and a large passage on the lower floor, and

five rooms and a passage on the second, with a servants' hall and cellars below." In addition, there were convenient offices, stables, and coach house adjoining, garden stored with fruits. The tract was 2,000 acres.

TUCKER.—Deed of Robert Tucker, of Norfolk and John Tucker, of Barbadoes: "Whereas by will of my deceased father, Robert Tucker, and mother Frances Nelson &c. 1742. Witness W. Nelson, Jr., Sarah Burwell." (Ludwell MSS.; Va. Hist. Society.) The widow, Frances Tucker, (née Courtenay) married Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown. (See Tucker family, X. 281.)

WILSON.—"Jane Wilson, orphan of Willis Wilson, deceased, chooses James Roscoe, as guardian. Security Joseph Walker, Thomas Nelson, gent." March 18, 1716. (Records of Elizabeth City Co.)

CURLE.—Wilson Curle, son of Nicholas Curle and Jane Wilson, was born December 18, 1709. (Elizabeth City Co. Records.) His original will, dated August 12, 1714, and proved Sept. 15, 1714, was found among the papers of Northampton County Court. It names his wife Jane, executrix, to whom he added Mr. George Walker, John Curle and Henry Jenkins as executors. He names sons Pasco and Wilson, and the unborn child his wife goes with; brother John Curle; Nicholas Curle, son of Joshua Curle; Nicholas Bailey, son of John Bailey; kinswoman Lydia Curle; he gives to each of his "natural brothers and sisters a suit of cloth, a suit of mourning, and a suit of wearing apparel," and to his wife Jane "all my plate, all my cash, and all my merchandizing goods whatsoever, either in England or elsewhere not before given away."

WESTWOOD.—Papers in a suit at Hampton (1804) give the following: William Westwood died intestate, leaving a brother and five sisters — John, Anne, who married Hubbard Wyatt, Elizabeth, who married George Magee, Mary, who married John McCreery, Frances, who married William Ellzey, and Jane (who married Moseley.) (See QUARTERLY, IX, 131; XIII, 181.)

HENRY DUKE, JUDGE OF ADMIRALTY.—Reyner Tongerlin, late commander of ye private sloop of war called ye Sea Flower im-

powers Mr. Isaac James, of Williamsburg in ye Domin^n^ of Virginia merch^t^ my attorney &c. to recover of Henry Duke, Esq., now or late judge of ye Court of Vice Admiralty of ye Dominion of Virg^a^ 22 August 1705. Acknowledged in New York 22 August, 1705. Proved in York Court, Sept. 24, 1705. (York Co. Records.)

NEGROES CONSIGNED.—Power of Attorney from Mr. John Denew, of London, merchant, to Mr. Humphrey Brooke, of London, physician to sue &c. Mr. Miles Cary & Mr. William Churchill, of Virginia, or their heirs on account of debts in any wise appearing whether ye same be upon account of a cargo of negroes sent & consigned to them in 1705 on board of the ship *London Galley,* or otherwise however. (Recorded in York Co. 21 Jan., 1716.)

CHURCHWARDENS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.—The churchwardens of Bruton Parish having been summoned to answer the presentment of the grand jury for neglecting to provide copys of the acts for the suppression of vice & concerning servts & slaves & failing to appear, it is ordered that they be taken into custody, untill they give Security for their appearance at court. (York Co. Records, Jan. 20, 1720.)

THE MAYFLOWER.—Boston in New England the 12th Sept., 1658. William Brenton of Boston. In New England, Merch^t^ appoints as attorney his friend Mr. Daniel Hute, master of the Mayflower, his true and lawful attorney to collect money from William Battaine (Westmoreland Co. Records.)

BOLDERO-BRENT.—Evidence before the Lord Mayor at Guild Hall, London, that Arthur Boldero was brother of John Boldero, who married Margery Brent, sister of Edmund Brent, of Westmoreland Co., Va.; that John Boldero, as heir to said Brent, enjoyed an estate on Fleetstreet, which he afterwards sold for several hundred pounds. Sept. 20, 1675. (Westmoreland Co. Records.)